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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm.
Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 pm. All men of the church are invited to join us!

Women's Fellowship

Our annual church wide garage sale will be held Friday Oct. 6th & Saturday Oct. 7th. You can bring your already marked items to church starting on Monday, Oct. 2nd. Set up will begin on Tuesday Oct. 3rd and go through Thursday Oct. 5th. We can always use more volunteers.

Faith Circle

We will be meeting at 9:00 am on Oct. 12th and will be visiting our shut-ins.

OWLS

Please join us at 11:30 am on Friday, Oct. 20th At LePeep's for lunch.

Fall Congregational Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner

Our fall congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15th immediately following the service. The two items to be presented for your vote are the 2018 nominative slate of officers and the 2018 proposed Goals Budget. We will also kick off our stewardship Campaign for the coming year. Immediately following the meeting will be our pot luck luncheon, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Please bring to covered dishes to share for the meal.

Congratulations

To Teresa Kidwell on receiving an award for 40 years of service at American Family.

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Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday Oct. 25th at 6:30 pm.

"In Context" Chronological Bible Study

Come join us for this fun, informative & educational bible study every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Financial Report

Our deficit is continuing to grow, at the end of the August 2017, the financial statement showed that we had a negative balance of \$4,165.85. Thanks to everyone who is keeping up on their pledged giving & others who so generously donate towards the work of the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider your giving so that we are able to continue to meet the needs of the church and return to a positive statement.

Thank you,
The Board of Stewards

Fall Festival

Our Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21st from 5-7 pm. Volunteers will be needed. The rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 28th.

Thank you

Thanks to all for being part of my 90th birthday Celebration. You are truly awesome! May God bless each and every one of you in a special way.
George Fischer and Family

From The Pastor's Desk

“IS CHANGE GOOD?”

Is change good? Romans 12: 2 says, ***“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*** I think that when we look around at our world today, we see a lot of influences that try to shape us. When we don’t have someone tweeting at us every few seconds to tell us what they think on some “worldly” matter, we are inundated by emails, Facebook, LinkedIn, and snapchat to help drive the point home. It’s no wonder that every time we look around we see people imitating people. A world full of clones! They all look alike by the way they dress and wear their hair. They all talk alike. They all form the same opinions as their peers, nothing seems original or unique. Now I know that I could be sounding like an old fuddy duddy, but I believe I’m not so rigid or “set in my ways” to know we all need to experience some kind of change!

Chuck Swindoll says that “those who flex with the times, and refuse to be rigid, resist the mold, and reject the rut” are those individuals that can be used by God. To those people, they see change as a challenge, a fresh breeze that flows through a room of routine and blows away the stale air of sameness. But change is never easy! The number one enemy of change is hardcore self-satisfied sinful nature within us. We all think that our way is the only way! Like a spoiled child, it has been gratified and indulged for years, so it will not give up without a violent temper tantrum. But we cannot “put off” the clothes of our old self until we are determined to “put on” our new self. Colossians 3: 10-11 says, ***“Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.”***¹¹ ***In this new life, it doesn’t matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.”*** It’s not about

living by how the world wants to define you, it is learning to live how Christ wants us to live!

Change—real change—no matter in what area of your life that may be, takes place slowly. In first gear, not overdrive. Far too many Christians get discouraged and give up when trying to make “the change.” Like ice skating or mastering a musical instrument or learning to water ski, certain techniques have to be discovered and developed in our daily living discipline. Change doesn’t happen overnight! In fact, “Instant” change is as rare as it is phony.

God did not give us His Word to satisfy our curiosity; He gave it to change our lives! How deep into the Word are you? What areas of your life have had to undergo some sort of change in the last ten years? Five years? The last year? The last six months? Has God helped you change your attitude toward someone? Has He helped you with your stubbornness? Health issues? Have you changed jobs or dealt with ever-changing family dynamics? What about your spiritual development? Church? Willingness to serve? For all of us, whether we have liked it or not, we have had to undergo a change! Just remember that no matter what you have had to go through, or are going through, or will go through, the Holy Spirit will be there to help carry you through to the other side. Jesus promised us that it would always be so! He told His disciples in John 14: 17, ***“He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”***

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1st - Communion Service 10:15 am
- Oct. 3rd-6th - Pastor Jim, Alex, & Steve at Catalyst Conference in Atlanta, GA
- Oct. 3rd - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Oct. 5th - Sunday School Teachers mtg. 7:00 pm
- Oct. 6th - Church wide Garage Sale
- Oct. 7th - Church wide Garage Sale
- Oct. 9th - Stafford Place mtg.in Fellowship Hall 6:30
- Oct. 10th - Food Kitchen Team #4 5:00 pm
- Oct. 12th - Faith Circle to visit shut-ins 9:00 am
- Oct. 15th - Fall Congregational Meeting 11:30 am
- Oct. 17th - Brotherhood 7:00pm
- Oct. 19th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 20th - OWLS Luncheon at LePeep's 11:30 am
- Oct. 21st - Fall Festival 5:00-7:00 pm
- Oct. 25th - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- Oct. 26th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct. 28th - Fall Festival Rain Date

Communion Assistants

- Oct. 1st - Rose Mary Seuell & Ruth Sharp

Acolytes

- Oct. 1st - Brodie DeSchepper & Rawlins Brant
- Oct. 8th - Montana Frakes & Jordan Hill
- Oct. 15th - Brodie DeSchepper & Josh Oswald
- Oct. 22nd - Rawlins Brant & Jordan Hill
- Oct. 29th - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper

Van Drivers

- Oct. 1st - Corey
- Oct. 8th - Brent
- Oct. 15th - Roy
- Oct. 22nd - Brent
- Oct. 29th - Corey

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Aug. 27 th -	\$2,241.00	\$285.00
Sept. 3 rd -	\$2,587.88	\$185.00
Sept. 10 th -	\$5,512.00	\$135.00
Sept. 17 th -	\$1,382.00	\$25.00
Sept. 24 th -	\$2,776.00	\$145.00
Totals:	\$14,498.88	\$775.00
\$11,860.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.		

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Aug. 27 th -	59	19
Sept. 3 rd -	60	16
Sept. 10 th -	78	26
Sept. 17 th -	64	21
Sept. 24 th -	63	24

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”

Romans 8:28

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God’s continued presence in the World & never absent; friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ!

Cancer Patients: 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Roy Nolan’s cousin, Christie Amos (40) –breast cancer; Dale Arn’s brother, David- cancer has returned; Garren’s Aunt Lupe- Pancreatic cancer; Jack Frakes- surgery at KU to remove mass on Right Kidney

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, is being deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; the family of Linda Trapp & decisions she needs to make; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan’s brother- Gary Battelle –has been placed in a nursing home for rehab after a week in the hospital, he is weak & the dementia has progressed; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; Darline Langemach- rehab after hip surgery; Ashley West- her new adventure & travel; Jackie Ritter- on Hospice; Courtney Hill’s roommate, Abby- for peace & comfort following suicide of her close friend; Joyce Shad (Leonard McCall’s cousin)- multiple injuries & surgery due to an auto accident in Idaho; Larry Bryson- Ulcerated foot is infected & he’s diabetic; Aaron King- in boot camp; Ermal Gotswiller- not well; Sharon Catron in Texas- her mom had a stroke; Bob Kelly – lost foot below knee to diabetes; Tom Johnson’s mom- Vera- on hospice; individual & family- blood transfusions; Sharon Waganer, friend of mina’s- broken hip; Steve Haskey – new job (realtor); all those effected by the hurricanes & wild fires.

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West traveling to Italy. Pastor Jim, Alex King, & Steve Haskey as they travel to Atlanta, GA for the Catalyst conference.

Sympathy: Family of infant Calvin Taylor who passed away last week; The Rice family in the loss of their grandmother; the family of Bev Milbourn, a truly Christian woman.

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- “love one another as I have loved you”; our music director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**